GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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FINANCIAL IMPROPRIETY IN IGNOU
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been complaints of financial impropriety and administrative mismanagement in Indira Gandhi National Open University;

(b) if so, whether a probe by Central Bureau of Investigation was undertaken to fathom the extent of violations in rules and norms by the authorities;

(c) if so, the findings thereof;

(d) whether the Anand Swarup Committee has been set up to probe into the affairs of IGNOU;

(e) if so, whether the committee has since submitted its report; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR.MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (c): The Central Bureau of Investigation is probing into the complaints of alleged irregularities in purchase of Computersby the Indira Gandhi National Open University(IGNOU) in 1997.

(d) to (f): The IGNOU had appointed Anand Sarup Committee tdook into the affairs of the University. The Committee had pointed out certain administrative and procedural lapses on the part of few authorities of the University. The report of the Committee was considered by the Board of Management of the University which resolved to ensure adherence of the prescribed procedures and provisions as laid down in the IGNOU Act and Statutes in future.